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Foreign Broadcast Information Service
Post Office Box 307
Reseda, California

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Dear [redacted]

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I have been quite a busy man since my return to Washington. Among other things building of stations on both the East Coast and Okinawa is under serious consideration at the moment. I anticipate that by the end of next week I will know the final answer on both locations.

With a station being built on Cyprus, one on the East Coast, one on Okinawa, and a new station operating at Reseda, I am sure that I do not have to explain to you the very urgent need for radio engineers of your caliber. I feel, first of all, that it is essential that a qualified engineer remain in Washington to coordinate technical work of these three stations which will be going on simultaneously. This, of course, will have to be [redacted] and, in addition to that responsibility, he will have to shoulder the responsibility for the construction of the new station on the East Coast.

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If Okinawa goes through, I am forced to ask either you or [redacted] to go out as engineer in charge of this construction. You will recall that I discussed this with you previously when I saw you last at Reseda. In my opinion, and that of [redacted] it would be advisable to ask you to take this job. Despite the fact that [redacted] who is going out to Kauai, is supposed to be an experienced radio engineer, it is my feeling that the FBIS operation is a unique one and that the experience which you have had in the construction of the Reseda station cannot be replaced by any other experience that I know of.

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It would therefore be my plan to have you go out as the engineer in charge of this station and stay until it was constructed or at least until it had reached such a stage of construction that your services were no longer necessary. I do not know exactly how fast this situation will move, or, of course, it is possible that it will be dropped altogether, but I felt that I should warn you that you are my man for this job if it does go through. I have discussed this all with [redacted] and, of course, she is most reluctant to let you go, but appreciates, as we must all some day, that we must think of FBIS as a world-wide operation, and that one station

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may have to suffer temporarily for the benefit of the whole organisation.

I will let you know something definite as soon as I know.

I am sure that it is unnecessary to call to your attention the classification of this letter.

Sincerely,

L. K. WHITE
Chief, FBIB

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